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## Annual Caroling Tree Lighting Event At Center Library Sunday

The Community Betterment Committee of Agawam Women's Club, Mrs. Howard Bailey, chairman, Mrs. John Peterson, Mrs. Erwin Werthamer, Mrs. Theodor Wallace and Mrs. Charles Rankin, announce the final plans for the "Annual Caroling and Tree Lighting" event to be held Sunday, December 10, from six to seven o'clock, in front of the Agawam Center Library.

The Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies and Cub Scouts from all troops, choirs from all churches in the area and the public are invited to attend.

Many are participating to make this occasion a success, the Agawam Center Firemen will trim the tree and Mr. Dudley Bodurtha will connect the wiring. Rev. Benjamin Lockhart, pastor of the First Baptist Church, and Rev. John P. Shannon, pastor of St. John the Evangelist Church, will offer opening

and closing prayers respectively. Fifteen minutes before the caroling, the Bell Ringers of the Baptist Church will perform, under the direction of Mrs. Frank Merchant. They will also accompany the carolers. Mrs. Merchant will have her portable organ to accompany singers and Mr. Thomas Rutherford, representing the Congregational Church, will direct the carolers. Mrs. John Hastings, local soloist, will sing, "I Wonder As I Wander" by John Jacob Niles.

Thanks to Fire Chief Harry Schneider, a special treat is in store for the children. Following the caroling Santa Claus (Donald Cusson), pack on back, will arrive on his fire engine with Christmas Tree lolly pops for each child.

Mrs. Bailey and her committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all who worked toward the success of the "Caroling and Tree Lighting Event".

## St. David's Christmas Fair Saturday

### Smorgasbord Supper With Continuous Servings Is Fairs Feature

This Saturday, December 9, the Women's Auxiliary of St. David's Church, 522 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, will hold their annual Christmas fair and bazaar in the parish hall — the fair being opened from 2:00 to 9:00 p.m.

The hall will be decorated with festive yuletide art displays especially prepared for this year's bazaar, the decoration committee

being headed by Mrs. Herbert Litchfield. One of the chief attractions of the fair will be the 'garden' display, featuring a picket fence patio embellished with the greens of the season.

Mrs. Philip Blaisdell and Mrs. Arthur Brouillet are co-chairmen of the Christmas arts and decorations.

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## Stationed In Germany



MARCO VALENTI

Mr. Marco Valenti, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Valenti of Strong St., Springfield, is in the Air Force Communications Division stationed in Frankfurt, Germany.

Marco graduated from Technical High School in 1959, and then entered Western New England College. He left college to enlist in the Air Force.

Mr. Frank Valenti is owner and operator of the Elbow Restaurant on Walnut St. Extension, Agawam.

## O'Connor Addresses Agawam COD Chapter

The Agawam Chapter of COD, a reform element of the State's Democratic party, met Monday at 299 Walnut St.

Principal speaker was John D. O'Connor, Mayor of Westfield, and a director of the fast growing organization. Mr. O'Connor spoke on the organization of the Westfield Chapter of COD.

COD—Commonwealth Organization of Democrats, is composed of persons who believe in the Democratic party philosophy of government, but feel the state organization needs revamping and a fresh look at party goals and methods.

The meeting was held in the offices of Andrew C. Gallano, former Democratic selectman of Agawam and a director of COD.

Acting officers until January 1, will be: Housing Authority Chairman, Walter A. Balboni; Secretary, Teresa Vedany; Treasurer, George Sheard; Members of Executive Committee include: Selectman Walter T. Kerr; Planning Board Chairman, Lawrence Scherpa; Planning Board Member, William C. McLellan; Parks and Playground Commissioner, Harold Gaffney; Town Meeting Member, Albert Ballani and Chester Nicora, Jr.; Planning Board Member, Daniel DiDonato; Town Meeting Member, Michael Montagna; School Committeeman, David C. Gallano.

Other Agawam COD members in-

clude: School Committee Chairman, Francis J. Rosso; School Committeeman Elect, Benjamin Bassani; School Committeeman, Raymond Charest; Planning Board Member, Wilfred Lenville and James Valentini.

## Junior High Students Prepare For Operetta

The students of the Agawam Junior High School are rehearsing for their annual operetta which will be "Tom Sawyer." The cast was chosen from more than 300 students who auditioned for several parts. It is under the direction of Mr. Donald Gagnon.

The cast is as follows, in the order in which they appear:

Aunt Polly, Patricia Salmons; Tom Sawyer, James Foley; Sid, David Carpenter; Joe Harper, John Nieman; Ben Rogers, Robert Peritz; Billy Fischer, William Sliach; Johnny Miller, Stephen Catellotti; Alfred Temple, David Sanders; Mary, Linda Baumann; Huckleberry Finn, John Quinn; Becky Thatcher, Marilyn De Mont; Rev-

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## Donald G. Crout Career Day Speaker

Mr. Donald G. Crout, Assistant Director of Admissions at Springfield College, will address the Agawam High School Career Day Conference on Wednesday, December 13 at 8 p.m.

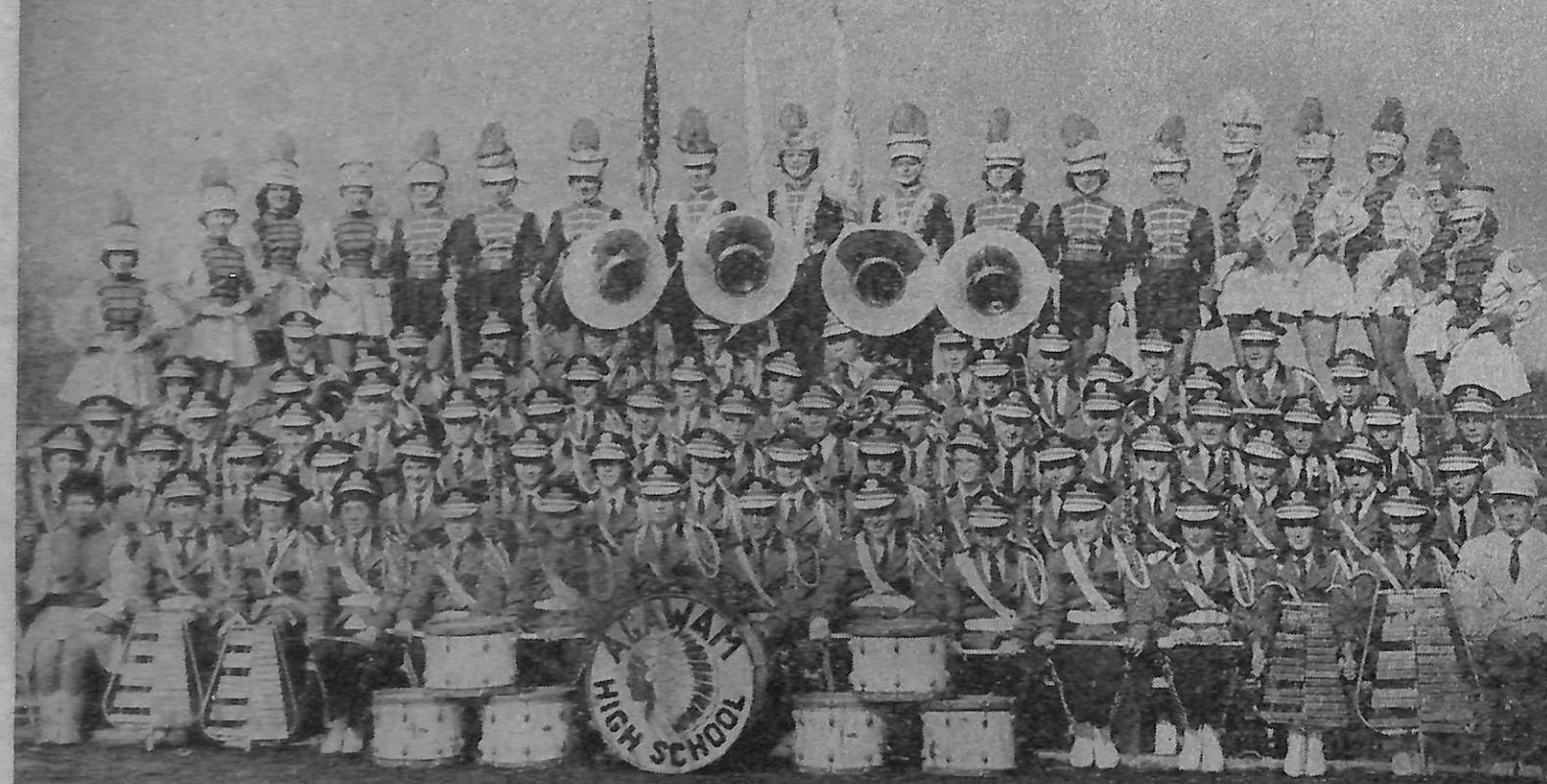
The topic of his lecture will be "What Springfield College Offers You."

Springfield College has one purpose—the preparation of young men and women for lives of service in making a better world through building of better people.

Mr. Crout is a native of Baltimore, Maryland. He attended the University of Maryland, Springfield College and graduated from Springfield College with a Bachelor of Science degree.

The conference is open to all students and faculty members and passes should be picked up in the guidance office before the day of the conference.

## Agawam High Band Entered In National Marching Contest



The Agawam High School Band which is noted for outstanding appearance in many local parades and football games is hoping to be selected to represent Massachusetts at the "Music Man Marching Band Contest" to be held in Mason City, Iowa, next June.

Mason City has been noted for band contests for many years. The contest to select a national cham-

pion marching band is being run this year in conjunction with the World Premier of the motion picture "The Music Man." Meredith Willson, the composer of "The Music Man" was born in Mason City and he used his home town as the River City of his story.

One band from every state will be selected to go to Iowa and com-

pete for the title. The winning band will be awarded a complete set of background instruments and be sponsored by Warner Bros. and Greyhound on a nation-wide tour following the contest.

Although music contests are held throughout the Mid-West, the eastern part of the country has replaced the contest with music fes-

tivals where winners are not chosen. Consequently the Agawam High Band has no title and hopes to be selected on the basis of pictures of their performances at games and parades. The Agawam band has for several years presented the precision marching type of band show which keeps the full unit in motion in many intricate maneuvers.

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# CHURCH NEWS

## Baptist Church

Rev. Benjamin T. Lockhart, Pastor  
Rev. Dorothy Pease, Minister of Education  
Mrs. Frank Merchant, Organist and Choir Director  
Mrs. Barbara Briggs, Church Secretary

Thursday—11:30 a.m., the United Women's Fellowship will have a covered dish luncheon at the church. At 1 p.m. there will be a Love Gift Dedication Service and Rev. Dorothy Pease will speak on "Church World Service Comes Alive". All ladies are invited to attend. There will be a baby sitter in attendance for the afternoon meeting. 6 p.m., the Senior Choir will meet at the church.

Saturday—3:30 p.m., the Bell Choir will rehearse at the church.

Sunday—9 and 11:10 a.m., two morning worship services. Rev. Benjamin Lockhart will preach at both the morning services. The Celestial Choir will sing at the first service and the Senior Choir will sing at the second service. The Second Advent Candle will be lighted at the services. 9:30 and 10 a.m., Church School for all; 5:30 p.m., the Junior High BYF will meet at the church; 6 p.m., the Senior BYF will meet at the church.

Monday—6:50 a.m., the Men's Christian Growth Group will meet at the church. Leonard Manhart will be the host.

Tuesday—7 p.m., the Celestial Choir will rehearse at the church.

Wednesday—10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m., the Trading Post will be open; 3 p.m., the Melody Choir will rehearse at the church; 6:30 p.m., the ABC Bell Ringers will rehearse at the church.

## Congregational Church

Rev. Herbert F. Loomis, Interim Minister  
Mrs. Andrew G. Toussaint, Minister of Music

Thursday—12 noon, Ladies Aid Luncheon, Parish House.

Friday—7:30 p.m., Adult Choir Rehearsal; 8:00 p.m., Merriweds Square Dance, Parish House.

Saturday—8:45 a.m., Intermediate Choir Rehearsal; 9:45 a.m., Junior Choir Rehearsal; 4:30 p.m., Inter-Church League Basketball at West Springfield "Y", Junior Pilgrim Fellowship vs. Mittineague Methodist; 5:15 p.m., Senior P.F. vs. Mittineague Methodist.

Sunday—9 a.m., Church School Nursery-Grade 6; 10 a.m., Church School Grades 7-12; 11 a.m., Church School Nursery-Grade 6; 9 and 11 a.m., the Church at Morning Worship; 6 p.m., Junior Pilgrim Fellowship; 7 p.m., Senior Pilgrim Fellowship.

Tuesday—6:30 p.m., Senior High Choir Rehearsal; 7:30 p.m., Church Council, Library.

## St. David's Church

Rev. John S. Tyler, Vicar

Thursday—7 p.m., Boy Scouts meet at parish hall.

Saturday—Annual Christmas Bazaar and fair at parish hall.

Sunday—8 a.m., - 10 a.m., Services; 6 p.m., Evening Prayer, Youth Groups.

Monday—8 p.m., Church school teachers meet at Vicarage.

Tuesday—3:30 p.m., Girl Scouts meet at parish hall.

Wednesday—7:30 p.m., Choir practice in the church.

## Bible Baptist Church

Upper Church and Second Streets West Springfield, Massachusetts  
Rev. Charles P. Benedict, Pastor  
Sunday Services: 9:45 a.m., Bible School with classes for all ages; 11 a.m., Morning Worship; 7 p.m., Evening Service.

Wednesday—7:30 p.m., Mid-Week service for prayer and Bible Study.

Bible Baptist Church is in sympathy with the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches and with the American and International Councils of Christian Churches.

Bible Baptist Church is a Bible-entered, gospel preaching church which endeavors to preach the "whole counsel of God."

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### Feeding Hills Congregational Church

Rev. Frank E. Dunn, Pastor  
Friday—7:30 p.m., Bible Study Class in the Spear Room.

Saturday—9 a.m., Junior Choir rehearse at church; 10:30 a.m., Cherub choir rehearse at church; 2 p.m., Sunday School Christmas party . . . entertainment by the Junior League Puppeteers of Springfield.

Sunday—9:30 a.m., First Morning Service; 11 a.m., Second Morning Service. Sermon by Rev. Dunn at both services. Sunday School classes will be in session including Nursery and Kindergarten. 5:30 a.m., Junior Pilgrim Fellowship meeting; 7 p.m., Senior Pilgrim Fellowship meeting.

Tuesday—8 p.m., Ladies Benevolent Society of the church.

### Christmas Party

The Ladies Benevolent Society will have a Christmas Party at the Church on Tuesday, December 12 at 8 p.m. All men and women are invited to attend. Each person is asked to bring a fifty cent gift. Women should bring gifts for the men and men gifts for women. Mr. Ernest Swanson will show slides of the Exposition Project. All women are reminded to bring their Christmas decoration so they can be judged for prize awards. Refreshments will be served.

## Round The Town



By ANN NAEL

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brignoli of Begley Street, Agawam, for Thanksgiving dinner were Mr. Brignoli's mother, Mrs. Marie Brignoli, his two sisters with their husbands and children, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Bissonnette, and daughter Coral of Mulberry Street, Agawam; Mr. and Mrs. John Negrucci, John, Jr., and Donna; his uncle, Frank Perotti.

This event was also highlighted by the eighth birthday anniversary of their son, Richard, who was the recipient of numerous birthday gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. John Negrucci of Queen Ave., West Springfield, were recently surprised with a silver wedding anniversary party given by their relatives and friends. They received gifts of silver, a twenty-five silver dollar money tree, money and silver trimmed glassware.

Mr. and Mrs. Negrucci were married in St. Anthony of Padua Church in North Agawam in 1936. The couple has two children, John Jr., and Donna.

Attending from Agawam were: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bartolucci, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Duclos, Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Bissonnette and daughter, Coral; Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chriscola and Mr. and Mrs.

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## Celebrate Silver Anniversary



An open house for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph DePalo of Meadow Street, Agawam, was held Sunday at St. Anthony's Society Hall, Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, where they received the congratulations of relatives and friends. They received gifts of silver, money tree, twenty-five silver dollars set in an ice block that held

the punch bowl, numerous gifts and money cards.

The couple were assisted in the receiving line by their two children, Marianne and Joseph, Jr.

Mrs. DePalo is the owner and operator of DePalo & Sons, Upholsters at 289 Springfield Street in Agawam. He is the President of St. Anthony's Society of Agawam and a member of the Agawam Lions Club.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF  
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By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by CLAIR W. TREVALLION to SPRINGFIELD INSTITUTION FOR SAVINGS, dated February 20, 1958 and recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 2594, Page 433, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 A. M., Eastern Standard Time, on the fifteenth day of December, 1961, on the premises below described all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, said premises being therein described substantially as follows, to wit:

The land in Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, in the Feeding Hills section, being the Westerly portion of Lot #6 (six) shown on the Evelina J. Trevallion Plan of Lots in Feeding Hills, Massachusetts which plan is recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 17, Page 31, said portion being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the Southerly line of Springfield Street, said point being Forty-one and 48/100 (41.48) feet Westerly, measured along said Southerly line of Springfield Street from the Northwesterly corner of Lot #5 (five) as shown on a plan of lots owned by Evelina J. Trevallion, which plan is recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book of Plans 17, Page 31, and being the Northwesterly corner of land conveyed to Verne R. Spear by deed dated November 30, 1956, recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book 2513, Page 220, and running Southerly and at right angles to said southerly line of Springfield Street, along said land conveyed to said Spear, a distance of One hundred twenty and 02/100 (120.02) feet to land now or formerly of the Town of Agawam; thence Southwesterly, making an interior angle of 99° 20' along the line of the last mentioned land, Seventy-seven and 48/100 (77.48) feet to an iron pipe at the Southwest corner of Lot #6 (six) as shown on said plan; thence Northwesterly by a line making an interior angle of 96° 12' with the last named line, along land of

Town of Agawam, a distance of One Hundred thirty-eight and 44/100 (138.44) feet to the Southerly line of Springfield Street; thence Easterly by an interior angle of 73° 43' with the last described line along the Southerly line of said Springfield Street, a distance of Sixty-one and 48/100 (61.48) feet to a bound in the southerly line of said Springfield Street; thence continuing Easterly by the southerly line of Springfield Street, a distance of Fifty-two and 04/100 (52.04) feet to the place and point of beginning.

Intending hereby to convey the Westerly portion of Lot #6 (six) as shown on said plan, being all of Lot #6 (six) not conveyed by the aforementioned deed to Verne R. Spear.

Being the same premises conveyed to me by deed of Wilmont F. Trevallion, dated February 18, 1958, to be recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds

herewith.

Including as part of the realty all portable or sectional buildings at any time placed upon said premises and all elevators, pipes, oil burners, furnaces, heaters, hot water heaters, ranges, refrigerators, refrigerating apparatus, air-conditioning units, plumbing, gas and electric fixtures, screens, screen doors, storm doors and windows, mantels, shades, awnings, and all other fixtures of whatever kind and nature at present or hereafter installed in or on the granted premises which renders such articles usable in connection therewith so far as the same are or can by agreement of parties be made a part of the realty.

The above premises will be sold subject to all outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, assessments or liens, if any.

One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of sale as earnest money, the balance to be paid in cash on delivery of the deed, and the deed to be taken within ten (10) days of the final decree of the Land Court for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts approving the sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

SPRINGFIELD INSTITUTION  
FOR SAVINGS

By Alfred E. Rowley, Treasurer Present holder of said mortgage Doherty and Murphy, Attorneys November 17, 1961

(Nov. 23-30, Dec. 7, 1961)

## LEGAL NOTICE

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF  
REAL ESTATE

By virtue of and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Peter Axiotis Jr. and Barbara Axiotis, husband and wife, both of Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, to the West Springfield Cooperative Bank, situated in West Springfield, Hampden County Massachusetts, dated April 27, 1956 and recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds on April 27, 1956 in Book 2463, Page 592, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present owner and holder, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage, and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10 o'clock A. M. on the 19th day of December, 1961 on the mortgaged premises located at 791 North Westfield Street, Agawam, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

"The land, with the buildings thereon, situated in Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, bounded and described as follows:

Commencing at an iron pipe set in the ground on the Westerly side of North Westfield Street at the Northeast bound of land now or formerly of one Cleary and running thence in a straight line along the Northerly boundary of said land now or formerly of Cleary, nine hundred fifty-four and 71/100 (954.71) feet to an iron pipe set at a brook; thence NORTHERLY along said brook, one hundred fourteen (114) feet to an iron pipe set in the ground at the Southwest corner of land now or formerly of Clarence W. Sadler; thence EAST-ERLY along the Southerly bound of said Sadler's land; nine hundred seventy (970) feet to an iron pipe set in the ground on the Westerly side of North Westfield Street at the Southeasterly bound of said Sadler's land; thence SOUTHERLY along the Westerly side of said North Westfield Street, one hundred fourteen (114) feet to the place of beginning.

Being the premises conveyed to us by deed of Richard H. Johnson et ux dated June 22, 1955 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 2396, Page 526.

Including as a part of the realty all portable or sectional buildings, heating apparatus, plumbing, ranges, mantels, storm doors and windows, oil burners, gas and oil and electric fixtures, screens, screen doors, awnings, electric and gas refrigerators, air conditioning apparatus, and other fixtures of whatever kind and nature, on said premises, or hereafter placed thereon prior to the full payment and discharge of this mortgage, insofar as the same are or can by agreement of the parties be made a part of the realty".

The above premises will be sold subject to all outstanding tax titles, municipal or other public taxes, as-

sessments or liens, if any there be, affecting the premises.

Five Hundred Dollars will be required to be paid in cash by the purchaser at the time and place of the sale as earnest money, balance in cash on delivery of the deed within ten (10) days from date of sale. Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
AGAWAM, MASS.

December 5, 1961  
Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the General Laws that the Antler Club of Springfield, Inc., William J. O'Toole, Mgr., has applied for a license to sell Alcoholic Beverages of the following kind: All Alcoholic as a Club at

562 Suffield Street in a building consisting of two floors; First floor—kitchen, bar, dance hall and rest rooms; Second floor—storage; Cellar—storage.

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
AGAWAM, MASS.

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Notice is hereby given under Chapter 138 of the General Laws that the Ten Pin Cafe, Inc., Angelo Spanos, Mgr., has applied for a license to sell Alcoholic Beverages of the following kind: All Alcoholic as a Common Victualer at

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## AGAWAM CENTER

Wednesday, December 13—Albert, Alfred, Alfred Cir., Alfred Ct., Alhambra Cir., Autumn, Bailey, Barden, Barney, Campbell Dr., Central, Channel Dr., Charles, Clark, Clifton Dr., Congress, Corey, Cross, Dartmouth, Deering, Dover, Dyotte, Editha Ave., Edward, Elbert Rd., Ellison Ave., Emerson Rd., Frank, Greenwood, Grove, Haskell, Henshaw Ave., Hunt, James Ave., Joseph, Kirkland, Kawahawa Ave., Leonard, Liberty Ave., Lawnwood, Main, Maple Ave., Maplewood Ave., Meadow, Meadow Ave., Meadowbrook Rd., Melrose Pl., Merrell Dr., Monroe, Moran, North Florida Dr., Pomeroy, River Rd., Riverside Ave., Riverview Ave., Ruskin Ave., Ruth Ave., School, Seymour Ave., Sibley, Simpson Cir., South Florida Dr., Southbridge Dr., Sterling Rd., Sunnyslope Ave., Veranda Ave., Warren, Western Dr., Willard Ave., Woodcliff Ave., Wright, and Wyman Ave.

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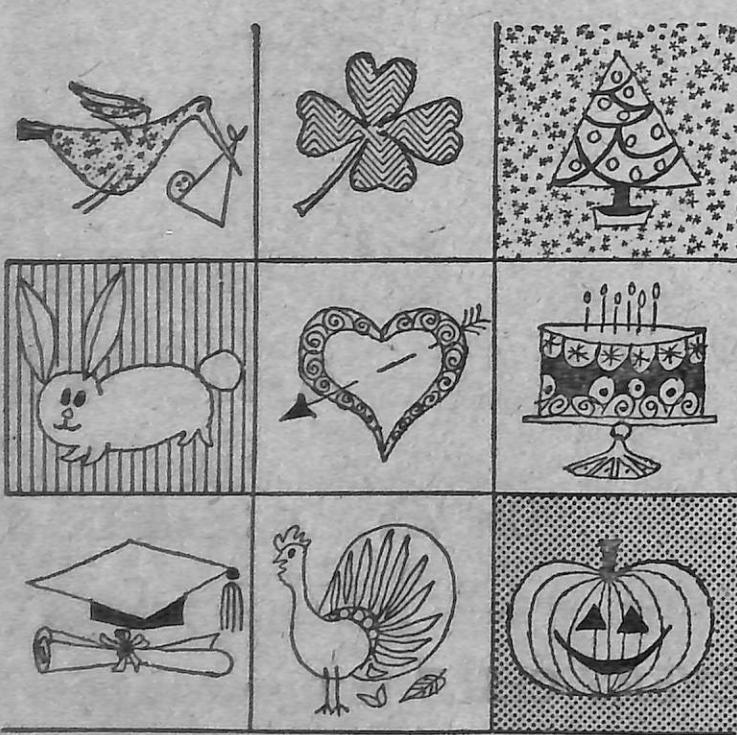
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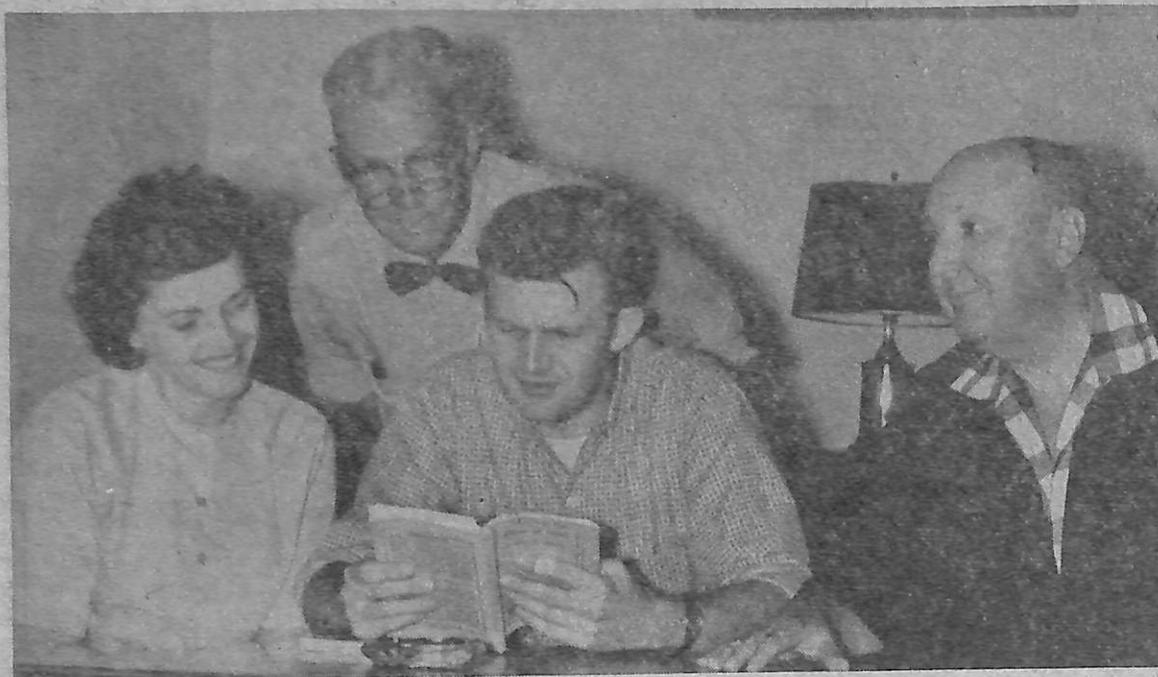
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Ushering and refreshments for Friday evening's show will be handled by students Debbie Patnode, Nancy Wiley, Kathy Taylor, Melanie and Linda Van Heusen.

The newly formed junior group of Chalklettes are busy preparing

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for their first season. Members of this organization who will assist at Saturday evening's performance are Susan Mensch, Director; Sandra Washington, Nancy Monahan, Carol Kay, Don Gowdy, Bill Gowdy, Richard Brenninger, Joan Bearborn and Diane Washington.

"Three's A Family" cast of 16 includes familiar personalities from past performances of the Chalkliners and several members new to the group; the production staff is under the management of Toni Raguuskas; director is Doreen L. DeLiso.

Checking the script shown above are: Betty Wiley, Sam Griswold, Ray Bryant and Roy Durfee.

**Registrar Urges Safe Winter Driving**

"Many accidents and serious traffic delays on Massachusetts highways during past winters were caused by cars being stuck in snow or skidding on ice. Much of the trouble encountered by motorists could have been prevented by proper vehicle maintenance, equipment and more thoughtful driver practices," said Registrar Clement A. Riley today.

"As Chairman of the Massachusetts Highway Safety Committee I urge motorists to prepare NOW for hazardous driving conditions expected in the winter months before us.

"State and municipal snow removal teams will keep highways open as much as possible, but operators should compensate for existing conditions by adjusting driving habits and using proper safety equipment to prevent stalling and skidding on snow and ice.

"As a member of the Association of State and Provincial Safety Coordinators, I strongly endorse the suggestion of the safe winter driving league and its committee on winter driving hazards which believes the following information about traction on slippery roads should become common knowledge to every driver:

(1) Good snow tires can provide up to 51 per cent better traction in loosely packed snow and up to 28 per cent improvement on ice than will regular tires if road conditions are not too severe or grades

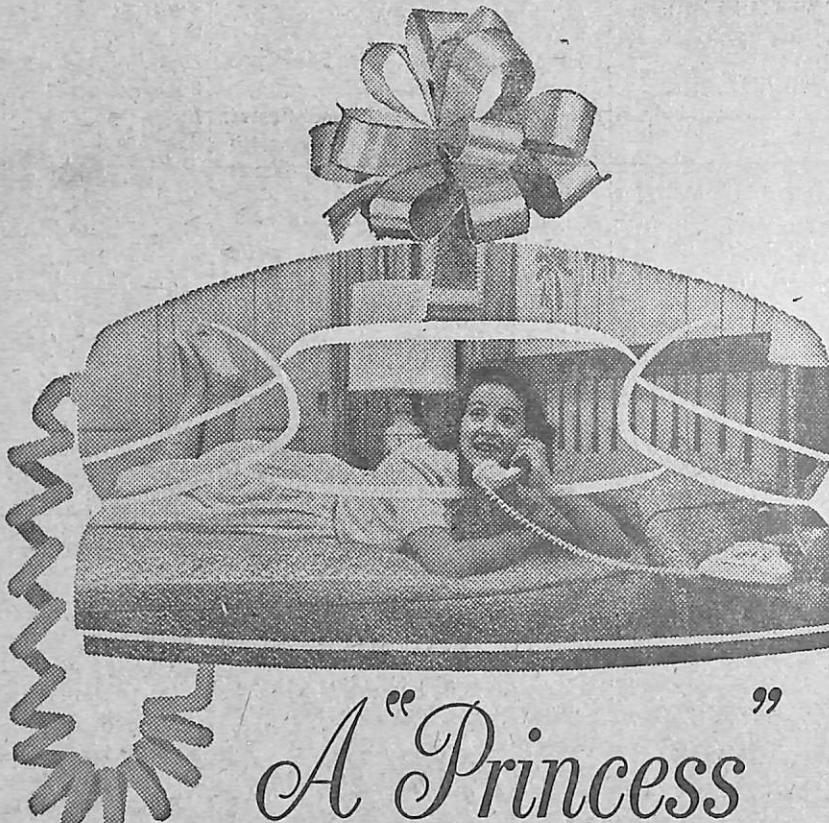
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(3) A car with regular treads travelling 20 mph on dry pavement can be stopped in 21 feet. In loose snow the distance increases to 60 feet and to 200 feet on glare ice. A car with good snow treads may be stopped in 52 feet in snow and 174 feet on ice while reinforced tire chains can cut the distance to 38 feet in snow and 77 feet on ice.

"As registrar, I most earnestly solicit the whole-hearted cooperation of every motorist during the ensuing winter months. Use of vehicles ONLY when necessary when snow and ice are on highways or when serious storms are threatened will reduce the hazards of driving," concluded Registrar Riley.

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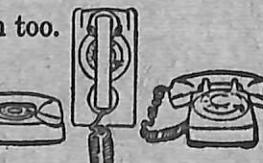


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**way back when . . .  
THE GOLD BRICK**

by Edith LaFranchi

The salesman from Springfield was convincing and knew how to exhibit his wares. Daniel Leonard, a prosperous farmer who lived in Feeding Hills, became increasingly interested.

"It's pure gold," declared the man. "And such a bargain."

Mr. Leonard being still slightly doubtful, the salesman urged that they go to Springfield. He knew of an assayer who just happened to be in town and he would prove the value of this heavy, yellow, metallic object.

At a hotel they found the assayer who, after examining it, pronounced the "bargain" to be pure gold.

The salesman explained to Mr. Leonard that the people who had discovered the gold were interested in getting capital to develop the property. If Mr. Leonard would put up five thousand dollars to start development, they would give him one half interest in the mine and leave the gold brick with him for security.

Not wanting to seem too eager, Mr. Leonard talked the price down to four thousand. Then he drew the money from the savings bank, gave it to the man and went home with the brick.

He went back next day as arranged to make out the papers. On arriving at the appointed time and place he found himself alone. He inquired of the hotel clerk and learned that both the assayer and the salesman had left town. Alarmed by this, Mr. Leonard hunted up another authority and was told his brick was worth about ten cents.

Although he reported the matter to the Springfield police at once, there seems to be no evidence that the swindlers were ever apprehended. The story became known in the surrounding towns. Daniel Leonard had bought himself notoriety, a worthless brick, and the unshakable nickname of "Gold-Brick Leonard".

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Longmeadow Springfield**The Agawam Independent**

Thursday, December 7, 1961

**. . . about your  
SOCIAL SECURITY . . .**

Are you a working person 65 or over who has never applied for social security benefits? If so, you will want to ask your social security office for a copy of a new leaflet entitled, "You Don't Have to Retire Completely to Get Social Security Benefits." The leaflet explains changes in the law recently enacted by Congress which raise the amount an older worker can earn and still collect some benefits in addition to his earnings.

Older working people, made eligible to collect some benefits because of these changes, will need to get their applications on file before the end of January 1962, according to Daniel J. Murphy, Jr., district manager of the Springfield Social Security office. Otherwise, they stand a chance of losing some of the social security payments now due them.

He cited the example of a couple who would be entitled upon application to a monthly check of \$180, about the maximum now payable to a retired worker and dependent wife. Under the law in effect until the beginning of this year, Mr. Murphy stated this couple could not be paid any benefits for the year if the husband's earnings exceeded \$2080. Under the new law, his earnings could go as high as \$3610 before the couple would have to forego all of their social security benefits.

Many older working people in the Springfield area have not yet applied for their social security benefits, Mr. Murphy noted. He said that many of them may not realize that their earnings are at a level which will now permit them to get some payments. Some others may be under the impression that if they earn more than \$1200 in a year, they cannot collect any social security benefits.

In order to make it more convenient for people working during the day to file applications, the Springfield Social Security office will be open to the public Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 9:00 for two weeks. The dates are December 7, and December 14. The regular business hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. will also continue during this period.

The Springfield Social Security office is located at 1200 Main St.

**Junior High Students  
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Wendy Walters, Robert Osolinski; Amy Lawrence, Marsha MacDonald; Judge Thatcher, Harold Lynch; Injun Joe, Kenneth Affleck; Doctor Robinson, Jeffrey Wiles; Pard, Donald Squazza; Gracie, Mooneyan Field; Sally, Donna Judd; Susie, Jane Stowell; Widow Douglas, Betsy Emerson.

The chorus and various committees will be announced at a future date.

Whist Parties are held each Wednesday and Saturday night at 8:00 P.M. at the YWCA on Howard Street, Springfield. High and low score prizes and door prizes will be awarded.

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December 11

To

December 15

**SENIOR HIGH**

Monday — Juice, Frankfurt on Roll, Potato Chips, Green Beans, Peanut Butter and Honey Sandwich, Gingerbread with Whipped Cream, Milk.

Tuesday — Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Cabbage and Carrot Salad, Buttered Dinner Roll, Fruit, Milk.

Wednesday — Italian Cold Cut Grinders (Boiled Ham, Salami, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese), Whole Kernel Corn, Carrot Sticks, Peanut Butter and Honey Sandwich, Apricot Upside Down Cake with Whipped Cream, Milk.

Thursday — Juice, Hamburg on Roll, Home Fried Potatoes, Bread and Butter Pickles, Peanut Butter and Honey Sandwiches, Chocolate Cake with Butter Icing, Milk.

Friday — Fish Sticks, Parsley Potato, Pickled Beets, Whole Wheat Bread and Butter, Peach Shortcake with Whipped Cream, Milk.

**JUNIOR HIGH**

Monday — Orange Juice, Meat Ball Grinders, Tossed Salad, Peach Short Cake, Milk.

Tuesday — Grapefruit Juice, Barbecue Beef on Bun, Cabbage and Carrot Salad, Cherry Crisp, Peanut Butter Sandwiches, Milk.

Wednesday — Turkey Soup, Turkey Salad Sandwiches, French Fries, Pickles, Green Beans, Jelly Doughnut, Milk.

Thursday — Juice, Hamburg on Roll, Buttered Corn, Jelly Sandwiches, Peanut Butter Cookies, Apple Sauce, Milk.

Friday — Juice, Macaroni with Tomato Sauce, Tossed Salad, Bread and Butter, Strawberry Shortcake, Milk.

**DANAHY**

Monday — Mashed Potatoes, Meat Balls with Tomato Sauce, Buttered Carrots, Bread and Butter, Vanilla Pudding with Fruit and Topping, Milk.

Tuesday — Elbow Macaroni with Meat and Tomato Sauce, Green Beans, Rye Bread and Butter, Cheese Wedge, Sliced Peaches, Milk.

Wednesday — Chicken Vegetable Rice Soup with Crackers, Peanut Butter and Jam Sandwiches, Slice Meat Sandwiches, Celery and Carrot Sticks, Orange Wedge, Milk.

Thursday — Citrus Juice, Hamburg and Roll with Relish and Mustard, Buttered Corn, Potato Chips, Cake Square, Milk.

Friday — Mashed Potatoes, Oven Fried Fish Sticks with Catsup, Buttered Broccoli, Bread and Butter, Apple Crisp, Milk.

**GRANGER**

Monday — Juice, Grilled Hamburg on Buttered Roll, Potato Chips, Relish and Mustard, Mixed Vegetables, Peaches and Pears, Milk.

Tuesday — Roast Beef with Gravy, Mashed Potato, Buttered Carrots, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Citrus Fruit Cup, Milk.

Wednesday — Baked Beans with

Frankfurt Rings (Catsup), Cole Slaw, Jelly Sandwich, Ice Cream, Milk.

Thursday — Turkey - Vegetable Soup, Turkey-Nut Sandwich, Celery and Carrot Sticks, Orange Sections, Milk.

Friday — Juice, Pizza with Cheese and Tomato Sauce, Buttered Green Beans, Chewy Peanut Butter Bars, Milk.

**PEIRCE**

Monday — Orange Juice, Frankfurt on Hot Buttered Roll, Creamed Corn, Cheese Wedge, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Apricots, Milk.

Tuesday — Citrus Juice, Hamburg Gravy on Whipped Potatoes, Buttered Carrots, Cranberry Sauce, Bread and Butter, Ginger Cake with Whipped Cream, Milk.

Wednesday — Juice, Turkey-Noodle Soup with Vegetables, Ham Salad Sandwich or Peanut Butter Sandwich, Applesauce, Cookies, Milk.

Thursday — Turkey Casserole with Potato Topping, Vegetable Medley, Jelly Sandwich, Vanilla Pudding with Fruit Topping, Milk.

Friday — Maked Macaroni with Cheese and Tomatoes, Cole Slaw with Grated Carrots, Buttered Pan Biscuits, Fruit Cup, Milk.

**PHELPS**

Monday — Baked Macaroni and Hamburg, Cabbage and Carrot Salad, Bread and Butter, Peaches, Milk.

Tuesday — Citrus Juice, Grilled Hamburg on Buttered Bun, Relish and Onion Slices, Buttered Green Beans, Apple, Milk.

Wednesday — Beef Stew with Vegetables and Potatoes, Bread and Butter, Tangerine, Cookie, Milk.

Thursday — Italian Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Tossed Green Salad with Spinach Greens, Bread and Butter, Peaches and Pears, Milk.

Friday — Citrus Juice, Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Carrot Sticks, Buttered Green Beans, Lemon Pie Squares, Milk.

**ROBINSON**

Monday — Orange and Apricot Juice, Frankfurt on Buttered Roll, Relish and Mustard, Cheese Wedge, Buttered Corn, Apple Crisp, Milk.

Tuesday — Turkey and Gravy, Mashed Potato, Peas and Carrots, Cranberry Sauce, Bread and Butter and Peanut Butter Sandwich, Fruited Jello with Topping, Milk.

Wednesday — American Chop Suey (Elbow Macaroni with Hamburg and Tomato Sauce), Buttered Green Beans, Bread and Butter, Sliced Apricots, Milk.

Thursday — Juice, Meat Ball Grinders, Potato Chips, Tossed Green Salad, Fruit Cup, Milk.

Friday — Juice, Pizza (Tomato and Cheese Sauce), Celery and Carrot Sticks, Peanut Butter Crackers, Applesauce Cake, Milk.

**SOUTH**

Monday — Orange Juice, Hamburg in Gravy on Onion Rice, Buttered Green Beans, Buttered Rye Bread, Date Butterscotch Pudding, Milk.

Tuesday — Chicken Chowder with Vegetables, Cheese with Jelly on Rye bread, Fruit Cup, Cookie, Milk.

Wednesday — Shepherds Pie (Beef and Vegetables with Mashed Potato Topping), Tossed Salad, Buttered Prune Nut Bread, Applesauce, Milk.

Thursday — Baked Ham with Raisin Sauce, Parsley Buttered Potatoes, Buttered Corn, Peanut Butter Sandwich, Harvest Pudding, Milk.

Friday — Fruit Juice, Baked Fish Cakes, Catsup, Buttered Mixed Vegetables, Date Loaf Bread, Sliced Peaches, Milk.

**St. David's Christmas**  
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tion booth; Mrs. Douglas White, chairman of the postal booth; Mrs. Russell Lake and Mrs. Charles Mortenson, co-chairmen of the grab-bag booth; Mrs. Roy Duvell, chairman of the white elephant table; Mrs. John Tyler and Mrs. William Nunn, co-chairmen of the food table; Mrs. Arthur E. Carr and Mrs. Richard Langdon, co-chairmen of the candy table.

**Smorgasbord Supper**

The Activities Club of St. David's will put on a Smorgasbord Supper in conjunction with the fair, servings beginning at 5:30 p.m. and continuing until 7:00 p.m. The menu for this public supper consists of a variety of hot dishes, salads, desserts and beverages.

Ticket reservations may be had by calling RE 2-0258, Mrs. Joseph Guy.

The public is cordially invited to both fair and supper.

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**"Mail Early For Christmas" 1961**

Postmaster Mary E. Brady announced today that her 1961 "Mail Early For Christmas" Campaign is now in high gear, but she expressed concern because mailing of Christmas gift packages seems to be lagging and too many people do not realize the need for careful packing and wrapping of their cherished Christmas gifts.

She stated, "It's hard to understand why people will be so careless about putting valuable Christmas gifts into the mails in flimsy boxes and loosely wrapped packages. Many of these poorly wrapped gifts simply cannot stand the necessary handling, and thus cause much delay and disappointment all around."

The Postmaster said further, "I cannot emphasize too strongly the importance of careful Christmas mailing procedures. For example, it's best to print the recipients full name, street, address, city, zone number and state on each

mailing label, making sure to include an extra label inside your gift packages."

For your added convenience, the Post Office windows will be open on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., December 13 through December 22 inclusive. On Saturdays they'll be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and on Sundays, Dec. 17 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, Dec. 23, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. All mail going long distances should be sent before December 10th.

The Post Office will not be opened and there will be no delivery on Dec. 24.

She reminds us that we can make it a merrier Christmas for everybody if we'll just follow these three simple rules: Wrap our Christmas gifts securely—Address our cards and gifts correctly—and Mail them now!

**Town Employees Christmas Party At Towne House**

**Event Of December 16**

The Agawam town employees annual Christmas party will be held December 16, at Betty's Old Towne House.

There will be a cocktail hour from 6 to 7 p.m. and a smorgasbord at 7 p.m.

Wives, husbands and sweethearts of all town employees, all persons

working on town committees, either elected or appointed, are invited to attend.

An exchange of 25c gifts will be made, and dancing music will be by the Jeannie Williams Trio. All reservations must be made by the evening of December 11.

Tickets can be obtained from Martha Draghetti at the Town Hall. Chairman is Cecelia Lawson, and committee members are John Chriscola, Marjorie Santaniello, Carmella Kennedy, Ann O'Keefe, Ellen Tisdell, Martha Draghetti, Marjorie Fullam and Vern Allen.

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BOYS' AND GIRLS' BEGINNERS' OUTFIT — Full cut . . . quality white leather or black with brown trim leather uppers. Damproof composition soles. Sturdy heel protecting counter . . . cushion heel pads. Special Canadian beginners' design, steel skates, safety round tip and back blades. Sizes 10-3. **4.49**  
ALSO DOUBLE-RUNNER STYLE

MEN'S HOCKEY — Black selected leather with tan top-grain leather tip, facings and scuff patch. Sponge rubber padded tongue, hard box toe, steel shank, cushion heel pads. Hollow ground tempered steel one-piece seamless cup Canadian tubes. Sizes 4-13. **9.95**

BOYS' HOCKEY SKATES — Black selected cowhide with brown trim. Top-grain cowhide ankle strap and trim. Hard box toe, sponge rubber padded tongue, steel shank, inside webbing support. Canadian tempered steel tube. Sizes 11-3. **7.99**

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**LAYAWAY NOW!**  
for CHRISTMAS

## Brownie Basketball Five Opens Tonight Against Westfield

By BUCKY O'RIEN

Agawam High steps into the talent laden Valley Wheel Basketball League tonight when they take on the powerful Bombers of Westfield High at the high school gymnasium.

The Brownies have been working extra hard for this initial test against the more experienced Bombers. Head Coach Herb O'Connor is well pleased with what he has seen of his boys so far and looks for a successful season this year.

One thing must be mentioned and that is in spite of their overall improvement their record of wins and losses will probably not improve. The reason is that they have taken on a much more difficult schedule. Classical, Westfield, and highly touted West Springfield have been added to their suicide slate which makes the ensuing campaign a real challenge.

Holdovers from last year include Richie Leal, a guy who should really come into his own this year both as a rebounder and a shooter; Roger Brown, the give and go youngster who is just asking for that first whistle to blow, and football star Doc Borgatti, a smooth working floor man who should also see his best season.

Other members rounding out the club are Mike Romenko, Wally Osgood, Dave Alvigini, Sophomore Bobby Morin, Rich Chandler, Jim Grady, Ray Wright, Hal Fullan and Franny Gensheimer. Not many of these boys saw too much service last year but they are all willing and anxious to get in there and

prove their worth.

You never really know what the kids are made out of until they are engaged in actual combat. They can practice all week and look sharp but come game time freeze right up. This will not be the case with these lads though as they proved in a recent scrimmage with powerful, classy Tech High. No actual score was kept in this game but Herb assures us that his boys held their own and he was very happy and pleased.

So why not pull yourselves away from those television sets tonight and motor up to the school and help these kids launch their new season with a little moral support from the stands. No one expects much from them except the kids themselves. And they are the ones who should know.

### VWWI Turkey Shoot Sunday

The Walter S. Kerr Barracks, 396, Inc., Veterans of World War I, will hold another 'Turkey Shoot' on Sunday, December 10, at the Agawam Sportsmen's Club on Corey Street at 1:30 p.m. Ammunition will be furnished for 12, 16, 20 gauge guns.

Last Sunday a large number of sportsmen tried out their guns before taking off to the woods for the deer hunting this week. There were eleven turkeys taken home for the Christmas holiday by the following winners: Happy Fournier, West Springfield; Bill Kieras, East Longmeadow; William Cesan, Agawam; David Cartelli, Springfield; Bob Marquise, Agawam; William Baroldi, Springfield; C. Quintal, Agawam; Max Neuger, West Springfield, and Jim Grimaldi, Agawam.

Every one welcome to attend.

The Detroit Red Wings is the only hockey club to win the Stanley Cup series in eight straight games.



## Girls Basketball League Planned

Plans are being formulated to organize a girls basketball league so that girls from the 7th grade up through high school will be eligible to participate. The new league is being sponsored by St. Anthony's Church, Sacred Heart Church and St. John the Evangelist Church. All clinics and league play will be conducted at Robinson Park Elementary School gymnasium on Saturday afternoons starting at 1 p.m. The new league will start functioning on Saturday, January 6, with Mrs. Thomas Danford serving as supervisor of the basketball program.

Girls who would be interested in joining the new basketball league are asked to register at any of the above rectories or with Mrs. Danford. The month of January will be devoted to basketball clinics, an Inter-Church league will then be formed and games will be played in the various age brackets. Girls rules will be taught with six players to a team, namely, center, side-center, two forwards and two guards.

It has been felt that a basketball program for girls has been needed and this is the first endeavor of organizing a girls league. Independent games will be played as the season advances in addition to league play. Registration may be made during the month of December and girls who are interested are reminded that the first practice will be held on Saturday, January 6 at Robinson Park School. If enough interest is shown in the program, the younger girls will have their own league with girls of high school age forming another one.

At the conclusion of the program trophies will be awarded and a jamboree will be held with parents and friends invited to attend

## WACE HONORS BATON TWIRLER

Little Nancy DeCosmo, seven, of Agawam, was a proud and surprised child when she received a beautiful eight by ten Citation in



the mail from Brad Harris, radio announcer for station WACE. The citation was in recognition of good citizenship and in regards to her wonderful baton twirling accomplishments for her young age and short time at twirling.

Nancy was doubly honored when she was asked to be interviewed by Dave Miller and be on the air last

the championship games. Further information may be had by contacting Rev. Leo Landry, C.P.S., Rev. Joseph O'Neil or Rev. Joseph Hinchee, C.P.S.

Tuesday on "Cross Section" WACE radio. Dave Miller announced that she was the youngest person ever to be interviewed on cross section Brad Harris and Dave Miller, along with other WACE employees were real delighted with Nancy's performance for them.

She appeared in a NBTA sanctioned twirling festival in Providence, R. I., on Sunday, November 26, and captured two more awards when she placed third in Solo competing with children in the seven to ten age group, also in the same age group for Basic Strutting.

## HOME TOWN FLEET NEWS

**GREAT LAKES, Ill. (FHTNC)**  
—Robert E. Gravel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Gravel of 42 Norris St., and Robert E. Rossi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis C. Rossi of 42 Hastings St., both of Agawam, Mass., are undergoing recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the nine-week course, recruits receive instruction in military etiquette, drill, physical fitness, swimming and survival, first aid, shipboard safety precautions and security duty.

Throughout the training, each recruit receives career counseling to help determine which of the Navy's 67 job specialties he will enter upon graduation.

To improve fishing in Hawaii, the Fish & Game Department there is constructing artificial reefs out of old cars.

# CATHOLICS GET INSURANCE AT LOW COST

Catholic men and women now get low cost hospital insurance from our non-profit Society. Here is an example. A Catholic man under 61 can now pay only \$2.05 a month and receive \$50 each week while hospitalized for any accident or sickness covered by the insurance of our non-profit Society. Payments of \$100 or \$150 are also available for a slightly higher cost. Catholic women get an identical policy for \$2.35 a month.

Payments are made in addition to any other insurance, including Workmen's Compensation. You spend the money as you wish — for hospital bills, doctor bills, or expenses at home. You use your own doctor and choose any lawfully operated hospital. Your insurance begins the first day you are in the hospital. You need this policy now — inflation has increased hospital rates 375% since

1940. As a result, most people do not have enough insurance. People who used their insurance last year found that it paid an average of only 31¢ of every dollar needed.

This insurance is offered to you by the Catholic Association of Foresters (formerly Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters). It has paid out over \$62,000,000 in benefits to Catholic families. A variety of life insurance and hospital insurance policies are offered by this eighty-two year old Fraternal benefit Society. By charter, memberships are available only to practical Catholics.

Get all the facts on this low cost protection. Mail the coupon today for free information. There is no obligation, of course. Don't delay. One person in every three families will be in the hospital this year.

### FREE--NO OBLIGATION

"A1 12-7"

Catholic Association of Foresters  
(Formerly Massachusetts Catholic Order of Foresters)  
347 Commonwealth Avenue  
Boston 15, Massachusetts

At no obligation, please rush me free facts on hospital insurance for Catholics provided by our non-profit Society.

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RE 6-4144

## Sales Executives Club Plan Selling Course

Officers and members of the Springfield Sales Executives Club who are to participate in the 1962 course in Successful Selling met this week to complete plans for the annual training course. For the fourteenth successive year the club will sponsor a University Extension course for men and women who wish to train for or advance in a career in selling. The course is scheduled to begin on Friday, January 19, 1962, at the Museum of Fine Arts, and will continue for eight weeks.

Harold F. Storey, Assistant to the Director of Sales at Springfield-Monarch Insurance Companies, will serve as course director. Associated with him in the direction of the course will be Norman A. Vining, District Manager of the Connecticut Coke Sales Division of Eastern Gas & Fuel Associates. Presiding at the meeting this week was George S. Butterick, President of the Springfield Sales Executives Club. Other members of the club who will take part in the course are James H. Ferguson, Jr., Sol D. Freeman, David S. Garber, Burton W. Hall, Meyer Schoenberg, Millens W. Taft, Jr., H. Bennett Webber, and Fred Emerson.

A new intensive training plan for the course was described by Course Director Storey. Emphasis will be on "how to" make an effective selling presentation, and "why" such a method is successful. Each session of the course will include a headline speaker, a visual illustration, panel discussion, and a demonstration. During the period of the course, members of the class will have an opportunity to take

a complete testing program and receive a personal analysis from an experienced vocational counselor.

Brochures giving a complete description of the course may be secured at the University Extension Office, 235 Chestnut St., Springfield, telephone RE 7-4716. They will be mailed on request. As in all University Extension courses, veterans and senior citizens may qualify for free enrollment.

rug and carpet fibers which the housewife will find impossible to remove unless she consults a professional rug cleaner.

For first aid treatment, take up the excess with a spatula and pets to their natural color.

# fill your Christmas Stocking at the S.I.S. Christmas Festival

AT ALL S.I.S. OFFICES

This Saturday, December 9, 10 am to 4 pm

Santa will be at every S.I.S. Office with a free souvenir for everybody!



Organ recital at Main Office by Joe Nickerson.

**EXTRA! EXTRA!**

Our 100,000th savings account will be opened on this day. It could be yours!



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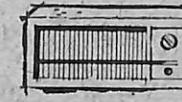
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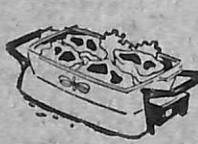
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## Legion Luncheon Sunday At Post 277

On Sunday, December 10 at 1 p.m., a luncheon will be held at the American Legion Post Home, Unit 277 on Oak Street, Indian Orchard, Mass.

Hostesses for the luncheon will be County Director for District 3, Ann Lawler, and District 3 Junior

Chairman, Mrs. Anna Bissonnette, Mrs. Frances Ayles and her committee will prepare the luncheon and will be served by Mrs. Celeste Robarge, County Sergeant At Arms, and her committee.

Guests will include: District 1 Director, Miss Edith Maynard and her County Junior Chairman, Mrs. Elaine Vrabel from Adams, Mass. District 2 Director, Mrs. Helen Kiselewski from Hadley, Mass., and her County Chairman, Mrs. Helen Burnap from Shelburne Falls, Mass.

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Decorations and place cards will

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be in keeping with the holiday motif.

Following luncheon a discussion will be held and plans will be formulated for the spring of '62 Junior Conference.

### Rosary Society Meeting To Feature Bell Ringers

The Rosary Altar Society of the Sacred Heart Church will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday, December 12, in the church hall at 8 p.m.

Entertainment will be furnished by the Baptist Bell Ringers who are well known for their fine performance.

Everyone attending should bring a fifty cent exchange gift.

Party refreshments will be served by a committee under the direction of Mrs. Rose Osolinski and Mrs. Barbara Capponechelli.

All members, whether active or

not, are invited to attend this holiday gathering.

### Catholic Women's Club Bowling League Scores

The Catholic Women's Club Bowling League bowl every Tuesday evening at the Riverside Bowling alleys and the standings to date are: First Round Winners—Holy Cross, Captain Lillian Casiello, and Second Round Winners—Vassar, Captain Terry Kelley.

High three strings, Dot Rosati, 334; high single string, Dot Rosati, 136, and high team three, Vassar, 1468, and high single team, Vassar 513.

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### "300" Club

Members of the "300" club are as follows: Dot Rosati, 326-303-334; Terry Crupi, 330; Pep DeFilipi, 304-312; Lil Doyle, 302-300; Estelle Veronesi, 300; Terry Kelley, 306; Martha Jerry, 309; Wanda Meagher, 308, and Lil Casiello, 317.

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